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From: Herrera, Angeles [Herrera.Angeles@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/9/2018 2:43:07 AM
To: Chesnutt, John [Chesnutt.John@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Alleged Soil Contamination in Privatized Military Housing Communities

Agree. Thxs

Sent from my iPhone

On May 8, 2018, at 6:48 PM, Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov> wrote:

Angeles, see email from Dean. He already copied Fenix. You had worked this issue before. I assume I tell Dean that the State is the lead agency on this. Is that how you would suggest I respond?

John

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Higuchi, Dean" <Higuchi.Dean@epa.gov>
Date: May 8, 2018 at 3:33:37 PM PDT
To: "Chesnutt, John" <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>, "Grange, Gabrielle Fenix" <Gabrielle.Grange@doh.hawaii.gov>, "keith.kawaoka@doh.hawaii.gov" <keith.kawaoka@doh.hawaii.gov>
Subject: FW: Alleged Soil Contamination in Privatized Military Housing Communities

Hi Folks,

I got this from Ms. [Personal Matters / Ex. 6] and called her back to let her know I would be forwarding to others who may know more about his issue. Was hoping someone can contact her with any information on this.

Thank you!

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From: Cara [Personal Matters / Ex. 6]
Sent: Tuesday, May 8, 2018 12:09 PM
To: Higuchi, Dean <Higuchi.Dean@epa.gov>
Subject: Alleged Soil Contamination in Privatized Military Housing Communities

Aloha Mr. Higuchi,

My name is Cara [Personal Matters / Ex. 6] and I'm a former resident of Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) family housing. *Can you please advise how familiar you and/or your local EPA office are with reports of elevated and potentially unsafe levels of*

numerous organochlorine pesticides in surface and sub-surface soils in the MCBH, Pearl Harbor and Hickam family housing on Oahu? In addition, can you advise if you and/or your office have been involved in any management of or response to reported concerns about this issue?

My family and thousands of other military families lived in MCBH, Pearl Harbor and Hickam family housing during more than eight (8) years of housing redevelopment in which thousands of old homes in our communities were demolished and new replacement homes were constructed. Although we knew nothing about the hazardous soils throughout our communities at that time, we've since learned that these housing redevelopment activities persistently disturbed pesticide-impacted soils next to our assigned homes and throughout our residential communities. Although "dust fences" were usually installed around the perimeters of these hazardous project sites, the strong, coastal winds proved much stronger than the fences. Ultimately, workers had to cut large holes in the fences to allow the winds to blow through, enabling potentially toxic and fugitive dirt, dust and debris to escape their hazardous project sites and inundate our vehicles, homes (inside and out) and residential communities for years.

A couple of years after my family moved off base to escape the pervasive dust that severely exacerbated our daughter's asthmatic condition, I discovered a copy of the developer's "Pesticide Soils Management Plan" online. Their "Plan" stipulated that a "no fugitive dust policy" would be implemented to mitigate harmful exposures to residents and their children. Yet, during the years we lived there and since, many residents have repeatedly complained about excessive and potentially toxic, fugitive dirt, dust and debris escaping these hazardous project sites and inundating their/our homes and vehicles (inside and out) for years.

Due to the serious and potentially related health effects our children, families and/or pets developed after moving into these privatized, residential communities on federal lands undergoing years of extensive redevelopment, many worry our families may have been exposed to potentially unsafe levels of organochlorine pesticides. We also remain concerned for current residents, children and pets who may still be at risk for increased health and exposures risks.

Thus, we thank you in advance for your time and consideration of the questions asked above and we look forward to your response.

Many thanks,

Cara Personal Matters / Ex. 6

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